

## What is Claimed Is:

- 1           1.     A microfluidic device comprising:  
2                 A) a substrate and  
3                 B) a channel on the substrate, the channel comprising a side wall,  
4 wherein the side wall comprises a polymeric material, the side wall is formed by  
5 deposition of a plurality of microdroplets comprising the polymeric material from  
6 a nozzle.
- 1           2.     The microfluidic device of claim 1 wherein the channel further  
2 comprises a cover comprising the polymeric material.
- 1           3.     The microfluidic device of claim 1 wherein the channel also  
2 comprises a bottom comprising the polymeric material.
- 1           4.     The microfluidic device of claim 1 wherein the device further  
2 comprises an overhang structure comprising the polymeric material, wherein the  
3 overhang structure comprises a base positioned over the substrate and an  
4 extension extending from an end of the base opposite the substrate, the extension  
5 being substantially parallel to the substrate.
- 1           5.     The microfluidic device of claim 1 wherein the microdroplets of the  
2 polymeric material comprise a polymer solution, a polymer suspension, or a  
3 combination thereof.

1           6.     An injection molding master for fabricating a molded microfluidic  
2 device, the master comprising:

3                   A) a substrate and

4                   B) a channel on the substrate, the channel comprising a side wall,  
5 wherein the side wall comprises a polymeric material, the side wall is formed by  
6 deposition of a plurality of microdroplets comprising the polymeric material from  
7 a nozzle.

1           7.     The master of claim 6 wherein the master reflects a positive  
2 representation of the molded microfluidic device.

1           8.     The master of claim 6 wherein the master reflects a negative  
2 representation of the molded microfluidic device.

1           9.     A process of making a pattern of microfluidic device features on a  
2 substrate, the process comprising:

3                   forming said pattern by emitting microdroplets of a polymeric material  
4 from a nozzle onto the substrate to form a deposited pattern on the substrate.

1           10.    The process of claim 9 wherein the pattern of microfluidic device  
2 features on said substrate forms an injection molding master for producing a  
3 molded microfluidic device, and the process further comprises:

4                   curing the polymeric material forming said deposited pattern to form the  
5 injection molding master.

1           11.    The process of claim 10 wherein the deposited pattern is a positive  
2 representation of the molded microfluidic device.

1           12.    The process of claim 11 further comprising electroforming a metal  
2 onto the injection molding master to form a metallic mold.

1           13.    The process of claim 10 wherein said deposited pattern is a negative  
2 representation of the molded microfluidic device.

1           14.    The process of claim 9 wherein emitting the microdroplets of  
2 polymeric material is performed by an ink-jet printer.

1           15.    The process of claim 9 wherein the substrate is mounted on a  
2 translation device, wherein the translation device moves the substrate to form the  
3 pattern of microfluidic features from the microdroplets of polymeric materials  
4 emitted from the nozzle.

1           16.    The process of claim 9 comprising forming an overhang structure in  
2 the pattern of microfluidic features, forming the overhang structure comprises  
3 forming a base positioned over the substrate and an extension extending from an  
4 end of the base opposite the substrate, the extension being substantially parallel to  
5 the substrate.

1           17.    The process of claim 9 comprising forming a channel in the pattern  
2 of microfluidic features.

1           18.    The process of claim 17 comprising forming a channel bottom, a  
2 channel sidewall and a channel cover.

1           19.    The process of 18 wherein the sidewall and the cover are formed  
2 from the same polymeric material.

1           20.    The process of claim 19 wherein the bottom, the sidewall and the  
2 cover are formed from the same polymeric material.

1           21.    The process of claim 9 wherein forming the deposited pattern  
2 comprises depositing the microdroplets of polymeric material in a first area and  
3 depositing microdroplets of a second polymeric material from the nozzle in a  
4 second area of the substrate.

1           22.    The process of claim 21 wherein the deposited microdroplets of  
2 polymeric material in the first area and the second polymeric material comprise  
3 the same polymeric material.

1           23.    The process of claim 21 wherein the microdroplets of polymeric  
2 material deposited in the first area are not soluble in a solvent that solubilizes the  
3 second polymeric material.

1           24.    The process of claim 21 further comprising a step removing the  
2 first polymeric material.

1           25.    A microfluidic device comprising a device substrate and a channel,  
2 wherein the channel comprises a bottom and a sidewall, said device formed by

3           A) preparing an injection molding mmaster, wherein preparing the injection  
4 molding master comprises forming a negative impression of the channel by  
5 emitting microdroplets of a polymeric material onto a injection molding master  
6 substrate;

7           B) injecting a second polymeric material into the injection molding master;

8           C) curing the second polymeric material to form the microfluidic device;

9           and

10          D) removing the microfluidic device from the injection molding model.